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MARCH 12, 2003

JUDITH W AMONSON
PO BOX 51
LEMHI ID 83465

RE: Water District No. #74-Q

Dear Ms Amonson:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. We still need to receive the PETITION FOR WATERMASTER'S SERVICES and the OATH from the Watermaster to complete the certification process in your water district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold W. Jones".

Harold W Jones
Water Rights Supervisor

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The annual meeting for the year 2003 of District 740 was held on March 3, 2003 at 2pm at the Leadore EMT building with seven water users present: Bill Snyder, Rick Snyder, Randy Snyder, Vinn Strupp, Ed Peterson, La Donna Beyeler, John Amonson, and secretary/treasurer Judy Amonson.

Selection of a chairman and secretary/treasurer were considered. John Amonson made the motion to retain Bill Snyder as chairman; seconded by Ed Peterson; and carried. Ed Peterson made the motion to retain Judy Amonson as secretary/treasurer; seconded by John Amonson; and carried.

There were no reports of the Credentials Committee. John Amonson made the motion to replace Kent Bird with Jim Martell on the Credentials Committee. Ed Peterson seconded the motion and it was carried. The remaining members are as follows: Vinn Strupp, John Amonson, and Scott Tyler. There were no reports or changes of the Advisory Committee, consisting of Bill Snyder, Scott Tyler, Tex Kauer, and John Amonson.

Compensation to the watermaster and his assistant were reviewed with no changes made. Resolutions also remained unchanged.

Discussion followed on weir maintenance. According to weir measurements taken this past fall by John Amonson, it was decided that two weirs need immediate attention. The most out of level weir is known as the Tyler/Carlson weir. After the DC weir, this weir has the most use, making it's repair very important before the 2003 water delivery season. The second one, known as the Carlson weir, also needing leveling before the 2003 water season. Other weirs on Mill Creek are also in need of leveling, but are not nearly as bad as the two mentioned above. It was decided, by all present, that a letter be written, notifying Scott Tyler of the problems and suggesting options to correct the status of these weirs before the 2003 water season. It was agreed that everyone needs to maintain their weir for the benefit of those users whose decrees are junior to their's. Techniques and measurements of high water flow were also discussed.

The proposed budget for 2003 and financial report was discussed. John Amonson made the motion to adopt the 2003 budget and Vinn Strupp seconded the motion. It was carried.

There was one application for watermaster for this year, by Mike Zaharis. John Amonson made the motion to hire Mike Zaharis and Ed Peterson seconded the motion. All those present were in favor of hiring Mike Zaharis. It was carried.

Discussion followed on high water rights, in relation to the meeting held at the Lemhi Grange hall on February 25th, regarding all water users of the Lemhi irrigation district. It was decided that if each water user on Mill Creek had to file separately, that all 10 water users should use the same filing date as January 1, 1954; that the Parshall flume capacity measurements be used, and that John Amonson should gather all information necessary for the applications to give to the representative, who is to return to Lemhi at the end of March.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Chairman - Bill Snyder Bill Snyder

Secretary/Treasurer -
Judy Amonson Judy Amonson

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1. Watermasters compensation was set at \$32.50 per day, not to exceed 100 days and the expenses for 2003 not to exceed the budget, including the salary, social security, medicare and travel. The watermaster is to be prepared to go on the job April 1st.
 2. After the water recedes to a point where the D.C. and Leadore Grazing Assn. are receiving the entire flow of water, the watermaster shall measure twice a week, but charge daily.
 3. It is the duty of the watermaster to see that the water is not molested in any of the ditches leading to the lands where it is to be used.
 4. The water fee must be paid by April 15, 2003. Watermaster will not deliver water after that date if fee is not paid. 8% interest will be charged on all accounts not paid by April 15, 2003.
 5. No bills to be paid without the signature of the secretary/treasurer of the district, chairman or authorized person, if secretary is not available. \$15.00 wage and \$17.50 travel.
 6. Credits to be given to the users as defined on the watermaster's report with a small holdover.
 7. Watermaster to try and establish a consistent time of day to measure the water and let each user know when the water is shut off.
 8. Watermaster will communicate with the wateruser concerning any problems that he observes relating to the wateruser's decreed water delivery. This may be verbally or by handwritten note, if the wateruser is not at home.
 9. During high water, even though the ditch owner is responsible for the extra water flow through his headgate, the watermaster will monitor headgates three times per week. Preferably, he will be on duty Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week.

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